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SUBJ: KIDNAPPING OF SEARS ROEBUCK EXECUTIVE - DONALD E COOPER

1. ACTING MINDEF ADVISED AMB EVENING AUG 8 THAT DAS HEAD GEN MATAALLANA WAS BEING PLACED IN CHARGE OF JOINT OPS FOR GOC WITH REGARD TO COOPER KIDNAPING.

2. AMB AND SEARS VP LINDSAY MET WITH METALLANA SAT AFTERNOON. AMB REITERATED OUR BELIEF AND HOPE THAT SAVING OF COOPER'S LIFE WOULD BE PRIME OBJECTIVE. MATAALLANA AGREED. MATAALLANA DESCRIBED ORGANIZATIONAL MEASURES THAT HAVE BEEN TAKEN. JOINT POLICE-ARMY-DAS COMMITTEE TO DIRECT ALL OPS SET UP UNDER HIS CHAIRMANSHIP. OVERALL EVALUATING COMMITTEE TO WEIGH EVIDENCE AND EVALUATE COURSES OF ACTION SET UP UNDER GEN LANDAZABAL, COMDR OF LOCAL BOGOTA BRIGADE AND DIRECTLY UNDER MINDEF. MATAALLANA HAS ORGANIZED RELATIVELY LARGE OP TASK FORCE UTILIZING ELEMENTS OF DAS, POLICE, ARMY INTEL.

3. MATAALLANA AGREED THAT HE WOULD KEEP IN CLOSE COORDINATION WITH BOTH COMPANY AND EMB AND ASKED THAT THEY IN TURN KEEP HIM FULLY ADVISED AND INFORMED. CLOSE COOPERATION AND COORDINATION  
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AGREED TO ALL AROUND. LINDSAY AND MATAALLANA AGREED ON SPECIFIC

DAILY CONTACT. EMB LIKEWISE WILL MAINTAIN CLOSE DAILY CONTACT WITH BOTH.

4. MATALLANA INDICATED THAT HE MAY NEED SOME FINAN HELP TO PAY SMALL PER DIEM PAYMENTS TO DETECTIVES WHICH HIS BUDGET DOES NOT COVER. LINDSAY AGREED HE WOULD ASSIST THERE. GEN ASKED AMB IF WE COULD HELP WITH REGARD TO SMALL ITEMS OF EQUIPMENT SUCH AS A RADIO. AMB SAID IF HE WOULD SUPPLY SPECIFIC REQUESTS WHEN HE KNEW NEEDS, WE WOULD CONSIDER IT.

5. AGREEMENT ALSO REACHED WITH MATALLANA TO COORDINATE ANY PRESS STATEMENTS. MATALLANA ASKED THAT BOTH COMPANY AND EMB NOT COMMENT FURTHER ON KIDNAPPING AT THIS TIME. HE IS ANXIOUS TO KEEP PUBLIC AWARENESS OF BOTH COMPANY'S AND EMB'S CONNECTION IN BACKGROUND. WE AGREED.

6. FOREGOING INFO REGARDING GOC ORGANIZATION WAS GIVEN US IN CONFIDENCE AND SHOULD NOT REPEAT NOT BE REPEATED IN PRESS BRIEFINGS. VAKY

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